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 SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone)

TOPIC Soviet Troops in St. Poelten and Mauer Oehling

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EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF CONTENT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OBTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PREPARED 21 November 1951

REFERENCES \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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1. About 80 soldiers were seen in Camp Spratzern near St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) during a one and a half hour period on 11 October 1951. Four T-34 tanks were observed. Motor vehicles identified at the camp included trucks

small truck \_\_\_\_\_ sedan \_\_\_\_\_ and jeeps

All of the vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. \* Tank truck \_\_\_\_\_ was parked in front of the fuel depot near Obergrafendorf (O 49/W 77). Thirteen trucks were seen in the yard of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Driving-school trucks \_\_\_\_\_

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driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets, left the installation. About 70 unarmed soldiers were engaged in formation drill at the Eugen Kaserne. Six trucks were parked in the barracks yard. Trucks \_\_\_\_\_

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jeeps \_\_\_\_\_ and sedans \_\_\_\_\_ were parked in front of the installation. All of the vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. No activity was observed in the Rainer Kaserne. Motor vehicles identified included sedan \_\_\_\_\_ and jeep \_\_\_\_\_ standing in the garden of the Soviet komendantura.

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2. On 9 October, no training activity was noticed in the training area along the railroad line in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). Three artillery pieces and 29 trucks were seen in the former provincial insane asylum, where about 40 soldiers were drilling. Officers observed at the installation included two lieutenant colonels. Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and truck \_\_\_\_\_ driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified. A platoon of soldiers received instruction in firing in the sand pit northeast of the billets and south of the railroad line.
3. Little training activity was observed in Mauer Oehling on 5 October. About 20 trucks were parked at the former provincial insane asylum. Troops with rifles practiced firing with live ammunition in the gravel pit northeast of the installation. Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets, and jeep \_\_\_\_\_ occupied by three officers, were seen en route between the installation and the village of Amstetten (O 49/W 27).

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\*  Comment. The information indicates that the permanent unit in Camp Spratzern had not returned from the troop training grounds by 11 October 1951. 

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